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SPECIAL CURRESPONDENCE OF THE HERALD.

Magnificent Scenery in the Tobacco Region Inguistical Security of Planters' Residences-Rulisans and Gloomy Aspect of Affairs-Antagonistic Feeling Between the Salvation of the Whites-Views of a Planter

This is one of the southwestern counties of Virginia, and probably one of the greatest producers of the staple, back through it unfolds to the eye of the equesof the most beautiful undulating countries ess. Leaving the line of the Richmond and Danrailroad, which runs in a southwesterly direction, at Keysville, in Charlotte county, a short distance tra versed, and you are in this county. Proceeding then by public road leading directly south, a continued ma of unsurpassed landscapes meets the view; da, as you reach any eminence, seeming to be from the deep evergreen to the golden colored dying year intermixed, presenting a scene of loveliness to the city bound mortal long to be remembered. The ear, open and fallow lands-lying along the roadside hillslopes or lining the banks of a clear creek. too, present a charming appearance—clothed in crops of clover, green shoots of tobacco and the newly peeping wheat, of which quite a crop is in the ground. Occasionally glimpees of a handsome listd in the foresround, surrounded by a belt of woods with cleared parches on the hills boyend, and the masses of beautifully sinted woods stretching away to the horizon, can be obtained, that perfectly enchants the lover of nature. Along this road, too, at intervals, handsome and comfortable residences are found, with all the tobacco barna, corn houses, stables and laborers' quarters, denoting the planter and farmer, formerly 50 prosperous and happy, but now strugging merely for life. In many instances these former Virginia homes are deserted, the owners having either abandoned them voluntarily, or being forced to do so by creatters, who themselves are unable either to till the soil or dispose of these encumbered estates to advantage. In some chases the paneless windows, intered doors and shutters and broken chimney tops of a former probably ancestral residence, call up sad reflections in the mind of the visitor. The barns that used to be well filled at this season of the year with tobacco, the corn houses that creaked from roof top to floor with the golden eared grain and beautiful wheat, and the cabins that once sheltered the coeffding and contented darker, under the too, present a charming appearance-clothed in crops of o confidence exists between employer and Thus, as it now stands, the former slave-probably wealthy planter, clims weartly to himself oppressed and almost estracted in so, devoid of energy, and from the toil of his oting out an existence from the soil that steed, in wealth and affluence, his ancestors, compousate negroes, who in his most pressing still standow h m and provision the country, regaled pointical meetings, and in every in-tering their amployer's interest, to conserve ediaries and adventurers against him, the virgina has determined to drag out his exist-he toil of himself, his wife and children, a employ the negro he has treated so well, as now turned his between

turned his butterest enemy.
unentmity pervades nearly all the the midaight their and disciple of the Great Mogul at Richmond. Many who cent houses to sable individuals are consently alermed with misgivings, and foreboting that they may wake up tome night and look upon their property in flanes, or find its blackened rains next meaning. I was a little surprised to find no military force in a country fraught with so many terrors as this, and where a number of mysterious and atroctous murgers that have badied all skill and every effort at discovery has occurred. The nearest military post is formatile, a distance of twenty-five miles, and should the murderes desires of the blacks once become aroused into action to easy in their present or cities auted, this section, now gloomy and safe mough, would be the seems of the brocklest and most borrible alreading the subject of the production of the first state, and such its section, and gloomy and safe mough, would be the seems of the brocklest and most borrible alreading the subject of the product of the first safe that a region of ying his, and such is the reagn of terror through raided here by timerant radical creators, Bureau agretis, secret someties, organizors, and low and debased native whites, and all of which has been sanctived by the recont desiduals, that so distinctly defined the lines of hate and country between the two races.

Under such circumstances the only hope of the white is in white immigration. Let them own from the peritain and country between the principance deculuminates the only hope of the white is in white immigration. Let them own from the peritain and country between the two waters, the trickly populated countries of Europe, or no matter from where, so their skins be white, and without regard to how they may a partiation, this is the only measure by which the information but great section of our country. One planter when i met took me over his waits failow field and few outhwated patches the work of his own heads. The plantation is not of the fines in the

can be reasoned from Impending chaos and coarcity. One planter whom I met took me over his waste failow fields and few outfured patches the work of his own hands. The plantation is one of the finest in the country, out, like the othern is like neglected, and the fails that could with so fittle expenditure be made to been with beauty and wealth, are becoming overgrown with small pines, briars and underwood; his stock ream while yover the haif enclosed, icaneiess fields, and his barns and outhoused are rapidly failing into decay. He spoke floomity of the prospect and said "there is before you one of the best tobacco growing estable in Virguna. When the war closed I wied colored labor, paying them as liberally as circumstances afforded, and in all cases to failing my contracts with them punctually. I found the enterprise unprofitable; they deserted me for over a week at a time when I most needed their services. I nearly lest ome errop by this willful neglect, because they had to go to the other entremy of the country to attend a political meeting. I pleaded, begind not my my might be made profitable. It was no use, and reluctantly I was forced to abandon employing them.

This gentleman then showed me bis nonze, numbering in all soom fifteen, including learns, therefore the latter of better construction and more comfortable than are amingly to be seen on Southern plantations. Instead of the annual near to be cabing to missing dealings, and finished on the tende in the manner of ordinary dwellings.

I remarked to thim if was a pity these lands should should romain uncultivated; these excellent dweltings and contains and more offered with should remain uncultivated; these excellent dweltings and country the remains the second of them.

the eyes of the country are turned towards the North State, and the great interest is concentrated here. This is not so much on account of the intrinsic merit of the elections, as compared with Virginia, or, in fact, any of the other Southern States, but because here the result is more than doubtful. The elements are differently constituted—that is, the whites and the blacks— for the contest in the South, through the teachings of radical orators and political parishs, has become one of caste, not of politics, a strife for the masswhat is their natural right by heritage and by all the laws Southern States having—some of them wilfully—sur-rendered themselves to African supremacy, it will be a this is yet a white man's country. Barbarism and ignor-

ance are in the field against civilization and intelligence. One or the other must prevail—the faucaana, or the African with law to be exterminated.
This is the inevitable result fate has deered, and the
decree has been brought about by the vicience
and incendiarism of the radical angels of pretended loyatty, but more properly spanking of porsonal and political argrandizement.

The campaign is fairly opened and the struggle will
be fierce in the extreme. The univoltes of the Saint
whose loyality is proverient, in the trougily reconstructed
extrebels, the brethren of the white men of Orto, Fenn
sylvania and New York, are resulved to montal the result of the children of the struggle will be
religiously the province of the children of the different contracts and no effort will be spired to save North
Carolina from the domination of the african.

The radical leaders, too, are in the field, marshalling
their forces and bringing into action all the arts and devices of Humicutt in Virginia. The "toyal lea, uses"
and secret outh-bound associations are the channels
through which radicalism expects to be maured in North
Carolina. The supersitious and ignorant Arican will be
trammelled and bound hand and foot to vice the radical
ticket, and neither threats nor promises will be spared
to secure negro triumph in the State. Personal vicience, and probably death, at the modes by which the
carolina, the result of the children of the latell
gent voter. Such are the free and neiphymenic door is
line, and such the programme of the radical teach, who are persistent in their difference of radical and the
southern States, one at least will be enabled to
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Here, however, it can safely be estimated, that out of
all the Southern States, one at least will be enabled to
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Intiouary Argument-Secession and Rebel-lion Defined-The Congressional and Presi-dential Policy Denounced as Revolutionary Advice.

RALMON. N. C., Nov. 1, 1807. If the people of Virgina exhibited an earmestness and warmth of feeling in their late political contest with the blacks, they are outdone in this respect by the honest Union loving "tar heels" of North Carolina. The coming canvass has opened with a vim and vigor which show that parties are zealous, as well as enthusiastic. The conservatives of Virgina have suffered an blacks. Louisians and Alabama are also under the control of the African, and it is now almost reduced to a certainty that South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi and Vierida will follow in their wate, and, like Tennessee, be placed at the mercy of infamous political gamesters and tyrants like Brownlow and Hunnicutt. This doom the white people here have determined to avers at all hazards, and if the energy now evinced by the great majority of whites in that North Carolina will yet remain a waite man's home and country.

this city, which was largely attended by both races, the building being filled to overflowing, many not being able to gain an entrance. The whites present were not only enthusianic, but, it might be said, excited and th blacks seemed to take great interest in the proceedings and said — there is before you one of the best tobacc growing serious in Virginia. When the war closed it because the Virginia with them punctually. I femal the service support table; they deserted us from over a week at a time when I most needed their services. I many just one control their them punctually. I femal the service support table; they deserted most not over a week at a time when I most needed their services. I many just one control to the district them to the control the services and the product of the control to the services and the product of the control to the services and the product of the control to the services and the product of the services and make of the services. These control to the services and make of the services and services and the services are the services and the services and the services and the services and the services are the services and the services and the services are the services and the services and the services are the services and the services and the services are the services and the servi blacks seemed to take great interest in the proceedings.

The meeting being catted to order, Mr. Biedsoe, a leading citizen, took the chair and explained its object, de

The Political Situation-Confiscation by State Legislation-Whites Aroused and Ac-tive-Pne Prospect-Local Politics. Winnscres, N. C., Nov. 2, 1867.

The aspect hereabouts is very greatly chang d. Once try unscathed; for the deep scars are observable, no labor, are going to waste, and there s ems to be a dark pall of ruin hanging over fields that once were radian

the contribution to the commerce of this city, formerly drawn from this source, is entirely lost. It is not wonderful, therefore, that trade is duller than it was wonted to be, and that business, once so flourishing, stagnates. But for the fortunate development of other resources in this immediate section of the country, Wilmington would sink into utter majorificance as a commercial centre, and its population could not be sustained. Such, lockily, is not the case, for while the hand of desolation fell heavily upon the region hereabouts, in the counties of Biasten, Cumberland, Robeson, Richmond and Anson there is manifes ad a greater activity, a loftler enterprise and a more greateral and proutable persoverance and industry than ever before, and as a consequence those counties, once reckoned among the noorest in the State, are sending to market great quantities of produce, and are in a very considerable dogree taking the place, by their contributions of rosin, turponties, timber, tumber and cotton, of the rice growers of the lower Cape Fear, as supporters of the trade of Wilmington, entropicated for the especial relief of Wilmington. When the several works of internal improvement projected for the especial relief of Wilmington are completed, the loss, which is now so keenly felt, can be afforded, and the anticipations which have been entertained to a great future, may be possibly realized. But these works, especially the Charlotte Raitread, are not likely to be diushed until the political situation grows more promising, for Northern capital will be needed to perfect these subsense, and there is no chance of obtaining assistance of that kind while the present feeling of uncertainty as to the political future continues. It is well known here that the agence are being on uncertained and that they will so legislate as to impose the whole burden of taxation on the land owners, relieving polis and personal property of any assessment, and fears that they may be able to carry their menaces into execution are exerting a

and more concert than could be expected from accident,

true or not. He is certainly a man of some cleverness; whole system of fortification defences. Ideas but, as the king among the poets, his faculties and at were sound and tenable are old fogyish now

as colored people, to take part in them. But behold, all of a sudden, by the strange dispensations of frowdence, we are thrown, as it were, to be a balancing whese in this government, and by our actions we will determine whether that areal and glorious republican party that secured for us the benefits that we now edjoy and has built up for us such a glorious furture—we are to determine to-night, perhaps, by our action whether that party shall be kept in paper and shall control the destinies of this country at this trying moment, and fix anew the foundation of this government, so that for a century it will dely all the hosts of our enemies. It seems as if every thing has happened just at the right time. We see now in a manner a dark cloud rising—the democrate, our old enemies, are gaining gradual strength—our friends who have been friends indeed to us in times of trying danger, who have secured for us our rights thus our old enemies, are gaining gradual strength—our friend who have been friends indeed to us in times of trying danger, who have secured for us our rights thus far, now leave it in our power to secure these rights for ever by coming to when rescue, while they are batting with the hordes of democracy, and to sustain them by our action. But, on the other hand, to look at that battle, to keep saide, to lot the hands of the dail of our glorious future be placed back vari, is faral. I have no doubt that ere the Congress adjourns that is now to meet, all the couthern States will be represented. They will present constitutions to that Congress that will meet its approval. Men will go forth to that Congress elected by our saffrage, and they will strengthen the hands of the republican party, and from ode end of this country to the other that party will trample, and will control the destinies of this nation. (Applause) Our enemies and our pretended friends in the South are now meaning over our unanimity; it was not what they expected. They thought they could divide us and, so creating a division, could spoul all our hopes. But the last few days have disappointed them, and lo, they send up now a wall of moaning; it is too late for them. They have recknowed without their bost, and we are determined to use like men what has been given us in our need.

Ween non-hatting men for the coming convention, I have no doubt that the colored men of this city will look to their great increase; ask themselves who are the best men to represent us; who are the need possessing intelligence, ourseter and inducence, who will go torth to that convention and be faithful to our interests; who will not only feel a sense of duty, but also have the intelligence to wards and ranked and faithfully guard our luterests. Let no petty jealousles, let no mean envies, snimate our bosoms at this momentous crists. Let us rise above the and look into the far future. And if we do, our children's cuildren's cuildren's cuildren's cuildren's continued applause.)

# FORTRESS MONROE.

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History and Description of the Fortress-Disand Ordnance Departments and What is Doing in Them-Present Condition of the Rip Raps and its Approach to Completion-Quartermister and Commissary Store Houses and the Post Military Prison— Reminiscences of the Past and Scenes of the War Drama Emacted Hore. FORTERS MONROE, Nov. 4, 1867.

Fortress Monroe is on a peninsula. A narrow neck of and saves it being an island. Beyond this neck of land, extending to the dividing line between government terheadstones marked "unknown"—that saddest of all the sad records of the war. Old Point Comfort, the peninsular point owned by the govern-ment, embraces about two hundred and fifty acres, angles marking its outline there lurks and lingers, and fundity of engineering skill; that in the pattern and calibre of the guns, those iron watchdogs lookrevealed a vast expenditure of warlike erudition and that in the manner of mounting them fullest extent. All this of times before the war.

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at Spottsylvania, fighting for the dag he so early and faithfully served, and the rallant General Mansfleid who nobig longer and fell at Autistam. Hers, too, new served General Ord, the hero of Fort Harrison and present Commander of the Fourin Military District;

Brevet Brigatier General Wm. Hays, Commandant. Brevet Colonel G. E. Cooper, Post Surgeon. Brevet Lieut Col. H. W. James, Post Quartermaste Lieutenant James Curry, Post Commissary. Lieut. E. W. Stone, Post Adytant and A. A. A. G. Brevet Maj. W. T. Randolf, Co. A. Fifth U. S. artillet Lieut. B. K. Roberts, Co. A. Fifth U. S. artillety. Lieut. T. W. Adams. Co. A. Fifth U. S. artillery. Brevet Maj. B. F. Rittenhouse, Co. A. Fifth U. S. t. Lieut. J. E. Wilson, Co. A. Fifth U. S. artillety. Lieut. O. E. Wood, Co. A. Fifth U. S. artillery. Lieut. O. E. Wood, Co. A. Fifth U. S. artillery. Brevet Lieut. Col. H. L. Chipman, Co. A. Twenty-nf. N. infantry.

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Lieut S. W. Shephord, Co. E. Twenty-first U. S. inf.
And now I will burry to other topics outside the fort and connected with it. My stroll through the fort I cannot conclude, however, without the general observation, and such as any visitor would be forcibly impressed into making, that it is pleasant to see and know that everything is trim and clean and in good order; that the officers are pointe as well as efficient, that the soldiers are well dessed, well disciplined, cheerful and healthy, and that the fort, even in its present condition and though built in accordance with the ideas of nearly half a century ago, has in it yet a good dual of resistance and defensive strength.

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The engineer's department is essentially separate from the fort. All the buildings are outside and so, too, at the officers' quarters and their operations. The buildings themselves, all colored with the inovitable yoile wash, and their large size and the ponderous doors some of them and huge bars before the windows, as gest the intention and capacity for a good deal of we as well as specially safe custodian hip of the government property estructed to this department. But the most part they look as gioony as prisons, and none of them is there any great show of activity, which sowing to the fact that almost the entire energy industry of the department at present confined to RipRaps, or Fort Wool, the proper military designative references and though the syle of its final completion will doubt have to vary a good deal from the original plat keep pace with the changes required in all our work permanent defence, as developed by the experience the late war, the thoroughness of the work, in all difficult and complicated details, will always stand of noble, evident and indepatable. One tier of noble, evident and indepatable. One tier of noble, evident and indepatable.